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True Heroics

Normally when one thinks of superheroes, one imagines spandex-clad men and women jumping around with superpowers to save the world. Some of these superheroes have amazing powers, like turning invisible or lifting a house. But real heroes have to be stronger than that. The true heroes of today's society must have the strength to sacrifice everything they have for the good of their country. Men and women across America sacrifice their home lives, social lives, and sometimes their entire lives for the sake of freedom and liberty. Who are these selfless heroes?

They are the veterans, those who fought for the American ideals of freedom, justice, and liberty. These veterans knew that it was their duty to not only defend the country, but also to defend these ideals across the globe. They know it was their duty to charge into battle without question, to defend foreigners they would never meet, to obey orders they would never fully understand, to fight in an obscure town that barely existed, and to face death in a land far from home. These veterans continued to persevere through all of these trials and more, proving to the world the great courageous strength of the American people. Courage is their legacy.

Because of their actions, a flame of resilience will continue to shine forth from the American armed forces. Every veteran knows this fire. Every veteran understands the burning gnaw of insatiable hunger for freedom and equality for all. They understand this fire led them through actions that would lead America to be world-renowned for its power and strength. We honor them as the keepers and protectors of this fire. We honor our veterans for having the courage to sacrifice everything for their duty. We honor them as the true American heroes.

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